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22	Dr. (Smt.) Sarojini Mahishi	
23	Shri Chandra Sekhar Murthy	
24	Shri Asutosh Law	
25	Shri Uttam Rathod	
26	Shri Sanneshh Kumar Singh	
27	Shri Kapil Verma	
28	Shri Yashwant Sinha	

Reduction of customs duty in respect of certain Intermediates and Penultimates

630. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced customs duty in respect of intermediates and penultimates for the manufacture of Vitamins-K, B6, Tolbutamide, Tinidazole, Sucralfate, Ranitidine, Pyrazinamide Phenybutazone and Pyrantel Parmoate;

(b) if so, what was the customs duty portion on the penultimates and intermediates going into the production of these drugs and what is the percentage reduction ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the benefit of reduction in customs duty has not been passed on to the consumers and is being enjoyed by the producers of these drugs;

(d) what was the price of each of these bulk drugs before the reduction of customs duty and what is the present price and what is the percentage reduction in price of each drug;

(e) what are the names of the drugs which are under price decontrol; and

(f) what system has been adopted by his Ministry to pass on the benefit to the consumer?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Custom duty has been reduced on specified intermediates and penultimates used in the manufacture of specified bulk drug from 115 per cent to 90 per cent to encourage indigenous production of bulk drugs. Appropriate action has already been taken to pass on the benefit to the consumer

(d) The effect of price reduction will be reflected in the prices of concerned formulations.

(e) and (f) All drugs not included in Schedule I & II of DPCO, 1987 are price decontrolled. The Government is keeping a close watch on price behaviour of drugs

Price revision of Rehydration Salts

631. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL
Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether oral Rehydration Salt is covered under Category I of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has not revised the prices of this medicine despite the fact that one year has passed from the announcement of DPCO 1987;

(c) what are the reasons for depriving the consumers of the benefit of Drug Price Control Order;

(d) what action has been taken against the persons concerned for the delay in revising the price; and

(e) by when the reviewed price of Rehydration Salt will be announced?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Prices of Raricap range medicines

632. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1465 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what were the prices fixed by his Ministry for Raricap, Autrin, Livogen, Fgol and Dumasules under DPCO, 1979;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has increased the prices of these medicines under DPCO, 1987;

(c) if so, what price has been fixed for each medicine and at what price each is being sold;

(d) what was the price of each of the ingredients going into the manufacture of these medicines and what is the present price of these ingredients alongwith the percentage change in each;

(e) whether it is a fact that the drug companies increased the prices of these ingredients;

(f) if so, what is the basis of their claim for increase; and

(g) what are the names of the ingredients which are under price decontrol along with the justification in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The details and prices fixed by the Government to the extent available are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(d) to (g) The products referred to in the question are multivitamin formulations containing iron. All these ingredients are price decontrolled under DPCO, 1987.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Pack Size	Price fixed under DPCO, 1979	Price fixed under DPCO, 1987
1.	Raricap	Not Available		**Nil.**
2.	Autrin	60's Bottle	—	**19.12**
3.	Hematinic Capsules	100's Bottle	—	**29.96**
4.	Livegen Caps.	Not Available		
5.	Fefol Caps.	Nil		**Nil**
6.	Dumasules Capsules	20's Bottle	6.03	7.70